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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ★ Games, 1pm ★ Discussion Group, 5pm Kim Harrison, White Witch, Black Curve, 5:30pm	2 ★ Mah Jongg, 9am	3 ★ Playtime, 10am ★ PSP Ideas, "Pizza & Books", 4pm	4 ★ Fresh Conversation, 5:30pm ★ PP Center Club, 9:15am ★ Fresh Conversation, 5:30pm	5 ★ Winers' Workshop, 10am	6 ★ Storyteller, Debbie Denecht, 10am	7 ★ Tai Chi, 8:45am ② SEISS/ABERNATHY, 10am Hula O Leleluani, 2pm Robert Alexander, Remover Bells, 5:30pm Goss, Lisa, Juan, Roger, 7:30pm Yoshi Hsu, Lisa, Chuan, 7:30pm
8 ★ Games, 1pm	9 ★ Mah Jongg, 9am	10 ★ Playtime, 10am ★ PP Center Club, 9:15am	11 ★ Katherine Carter, "The Power of Resilience", 7pm	12 ★ Winers' Workshop, 10am	13 ★ Storyteller, Sony Iwata, 10am	14 ★ Tai Chi, 8:45am Home-Based Business Fair, 1pm - 5pm Dan Clark, dancer, 6:30pm Mae, 6:30pm Wednesday, Young, 7:30pm
15 ★ Baseball, 7pm, 2pm	16 ★ Mah Jongg, 9am	17 ★ Alan Bennett, "Horseflesh", 7pm	18 ★ Edward of Women Voice, "The Power of Resilience", 7pm	19 ★ Winers' Workshop, 10am	20 ★ Storyteller, Paula Dowdell, 10am	21 ★ Tai Chi, 8:45am Seattle Peru Club, 11am Herocap Game Day, 1pm Mae, 6:30pm, 7:30pm SuperGames, 7:30pm Sims, 7:30pm Rogers, 7:30pm
22 ★ Digital TV Information, 1pm ★ Microd Big Band, 2pm	23 ★ Mah Jongg, 9am	24 ★ Fresh Conversation, 5:30pm ★ Christiana Kent & Gordon Gelfand, "Resilience Perspectives", 2009, 7pm	25 ★ Susan Jane Gorman, "The Power of Resilience", 7pm	26 ★ Winers' Workshop, 10am	27 ★ Storyteller, Kim Wigglesworth, 10am	28 ★ Tai Chi, 8:45am Susan Arnold Smith, Oscar Night, 8:30pm Angels of Sin, "Rockabilly", 7:30pm
29 ★ Games, 1pm	30 ★ Mah Jongg, 9am	31 ★ Teen Anime Review Group, 3pm ★ SCC-CCE Travel to Nepal, 7pm Heather Armstrong, "It's about You and Me", 7pm				

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Ocho Pies
Saturday, March 7 at 7:30pm

Christopher Gross Ensemble
Friday, March 13 at 7:30pm

Moodswings
Friday, March 14 at 7:30pm

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SuperSones
Friday, March 20 at 7:30pm

Slimpickins
Saturday, March 21 at 7:30pm

Sophisticated Swing Big Band
Friday, March 27 at 7:30pm

Fantastic Swing.



Angels of Sin
Saturday, March 28 at 7:30pm

This modern honky-tonk group pays tribute to the likes of Hank Williams and George Jones.



LITERARY EVENTS

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Kim Harrison
White Witch, Black Curse (Harper Collins)
Sunday, March 1 at 5:30pm
In book seven of The Hollows series, following *Outlaw Demon Walls*, witch and bounty hunter Rachel Morgan vows to avenge her lover's death, but a new predator moves to the apex of the Inderlander food chain, and Rachel's past comes back to haunt her.



Robert Moss
Secret History of Dreaming (New World Library)
Monday, March 2 at 7pm
Dreaming is essential to survival, evolution and to creativity. Robert Moss traces the strands of dreams through archival records and well-known writings, weaving remarkable yet true accounts of historical figures influenced by their dreams.



Chris Cleave
Little Bee (Simon & Schuster)
Thursday, March 5 at 7pm
WE DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS BOOK, the publisher writes. It is a truly special novel and we don't want to spoil it. The fates of a 16-year-old Nigerian orphan and a well-off British couple intermingle, in this "psychologically charged story of grief, globalization and an unlikely friendship" Kirkus Review writes. "Book clubs in search of the next Kite Runner need look no further than this astonishing, flawless novel..." the Library Journal review says of British author Chris Cleave's second novel, following his award-winning debut, *Incendiary*.



Tim Dorsey
Nuclear Jellyfish (William Morrow)
Friday, March 6 at 6:30pm
In his 11th thriller, following *Atomic Lobster*, Tim Dorsey's Serge A. Storms, Florida's most inventive and prolific serial killer, is hyper-blogging his way down the coast when he catches the eye of arch-nemesis Agent Mahoney, and the twisting and twisted chase is on.



Robert Alexander
Romanov Bride (Penguin Books)
Saturday, March 7 at 6:30pm
In this paperback original, perfect for the book clubs who read *The Kitchen Boy* and *Rasputin's Daughter*, Robert Alexander again draws on his knowledge of Russian history in this novel of real-life Grand Duchess Elisaveta (Ella), her marriage to Grand Duke Sergei of Russia, and events leading to the Bolshevik Revolution.



Alan Brennert
Honolulu (St. Martin's Press)
Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm
As he did in *Moloka'i*, Alan Brennert gives life to Honolulu, in this tale told through Jin, a young "picture bride" who leaves Korea—where her value is reflected in her name, which means *Regret*—and journeys to Hawaii in 1914 in search of a better life. Jin's success parallels Honolulu's growth from a small territorial capital to the great multicultural city it is today.



Katherine Center
Everyone is Beautiful (Ballantine)
Wednesday, March 11 at 7pm
"What a clear-eyed rendering of the grimy, exhausting, beautiful mess that is early motherhood! I laughed, winced in recognition, and cheered wholeheartedly (sometimes out loud) for Lanie as she struggled to learn how to love young enough and still give part of herself to herself," wrote Marisa de los Santos, author of *Belong to Me*, about Katherine Center's second novel.



Molly Charles
Passion Flowers
Thursday, March 12 at 7pm
"Molly Charles" —Jena MacPherson and Joanne Otness, who co-authored *Saving Galahad*, —venture to Maui for their second romance novel.



Linda Hope Lee
Finding Sara
Fleeing a loveless engagement in New York, a young woman is taken in by a kindly Colorado rancher.

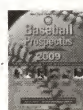
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Dan Clark (AKA NITRO)
Gladiator: A True Story of 'Roids, Rage, and Redemption (Scribner)
Saturday, March 14 at 6:30pm
Aggressive, explosive, and awesomely athletic Dan Clark became a reality TV superstar as Nitro on "American Gladiators." In this riveting, candid account of his life, career, and steroid addiction he explores the price of stardom, and how the steroid-fueled fantasy finally imploded.



Joyce Allen
Hannah's House (Wolf's Pond Press)
Thursday, March 19 at 7pm
In this haunting tale, a contemporary woman finds kinship with the legendary ghost in the abandoned farmhouse next door.



Christina Kahrl and Kevin Goldstein
Baseball Prospectus 2009
Tuesday, March 24 at 7pm
The 2009, fourteenth edition of the guide to major league baseball contains critical essays on the 30 teams, comments for some 60 players for each of those teams, player statistics projections for the coming season, and essays on performance analysis.



Susan Jane Gilman
Undress Me in the Temple of Heaven (Grand Central)
Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm
The *Hyacinth in the Puffy White Dress* is back. While her first memoir covered her childhood in New York's Upper West Side, it's now 1985 and she's a college graduate, ready to take on the world, Kerouac-style, with her best friend. Their backpacking trek through the newly-opened People's Republic of China is a tale of misadventure, near-tragedy, and ultimate redemption, told with wit and heart.



Kami Gray
The Denim Diet: 16 Simple Habits to Get You Into Your Dream Pair of Jeans (New World Library)
Thursday, March 26 at 7pm
Wardrobe stylist Kami Gray doesn't trust her bathroom scale but says her jeans will never lie. She's spent 22 years cultivating a way of eating that makes sure her jeans will always fit and in *The Denim Diet* shares her fun, no-nonsense blueprint for healthy eating in 16 easy-to-remember tips.
Donate your gently used jeans! Details inside.



Susan Arnout Smith
Out at Night (St. Martins)
Saturday, March 28 at 6:30pm
Susan Arnout Smith's second Grace Descanso thriller finds the San Diego crime scene tech called in to investigate a grisly murder when her name is found in the victim's cell phone directory.



Heather Armstrong
It Sucked and Then I Cried: How I Had a Baby, a Breakdown, and a Much Needed Margarita (Simon & Schuster)
Tuesday, March 31 at 7pm
From the beloved creator of *Dooce.com*—the most popular personal blog on the Internet—comes an irreverent and captivating parenting memoir of the sometimes unexpected joys and indignities of expecting and childbirth.



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LITERARY INQUIRIES



Kami Gray
The Denim Diet : 16 Simple Habits to Get You Into Your Dream Pair of Jeans



Kami is leading a DENIM DRIVE for the Shoreline School District Clothes Closet, "The Works," which benefits area school-age children and teens. Bring a pair of clean, wearable jeans and receive a discount on a brand-new pair in return!

Kami Gray, Portland wardrobe stylist, doesn't just tell us what to wear, she advises us on how to fit into what we want to wear!

Her new book, which she'll present Thursday, March 26 at 7 pm in the Third Place Den, is full of much more than the "16 Simple Habits" in the title.

Kami explains, "My philosophy of healthy eating and living IS a common sense plan. Eat a balanced variety of real food and not too much of it and move more."

"What The Denim Diet does that's unique is, it takes all that common sense and applies it to what we're dealing with in modern times - how to weed through all the conflicting research, fat diets, the media campaigns led by corn refiners, and hype about new products, pills, and surgeries."

"I break it down into 16 simple habits and to keep readers from feeling too overwhelmed, I interject some embarrassing stories from my life for comic relief. My goal is to inspire and motivate and simplify. No going without, or giving up favorites like pasta, wine, coffee, or eggs... just tweaking your diet and approaching it in a more healthful and conscientious way so you can slim down, be healthier, fit into your dream pair of jeans and keep it that way."

Meet Kami Gray
Thursday, March 26 at 7pm

<p>Dakota Cipher William Dietrich April 8</p>	<p>Wrongful Death Robert Dugoni April 14</p>	<p>The Geeks GT World Domination Garth Sundem April 17</p>	<p>Tea Time for the Traditionally Built Alexander McCall Smith April 27</p>
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Playtime!	10am-11:30am	Home-Based Business Fair	10am-1pm	Digital TV Information	1-5pm
Tuesdays, March 3, 10 Join other parents, grandparents, and caregivers with children ages birth to 5 for art, games, and conversation, sponsored and led by the Shoreline Family Support Center.		Saturday, March 14 This City of Lake Forest Park Economic Development Commission event, an opportunity to network, market and learn, is open to everyone.		Sunday, March 22 Still trying to figure out what to do about digital TV? Get help from the Federal Communications Commission, including how to install a converter box, and program scanning. Friends Meeting Room.	
First Friday Family Math Games Friday, March 6 Come with your kids and play fun group or individual games that help reinforce math concepts and skills. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Friends Meeting Room.	5-7pm	Bradshaw Trio Sunday, March 15 The Bradshaw Trio performs flute music from Bach and Mozart to Arkansas Traveler.	2-3pm	Cash Flow Games Wednesday, March 25 Increase your financial literacy by playing the fun board game Cashflow. Learn how to get out of the rat race and live your dreams. Friends Meeting Room.	7:15-9:15pm
Hula O Lehuani Performance Saturday, March 7 Come and share the spirit of aloha and enjoy a traditional hula show with the dancers of Hula O Lehuani.	2-2:45pm	Music Works Jazz Sampler Saturday, March 21 An afternoon of lively music starts with standard repertoire from the Jazz Combo. Then, Brazilian Jazz musicians lead a tour of samba, xote, baião, afonem, and other enticing rhythms.	1-3pm	Teen Anime Review Group Tuesday, March 31 Teens rate their favorite anime. Sponsored by Friends of Lake Forest Park Library.	3-5pm
LFP Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, March 10 The Lake Forest Park Garden Club holds its monthly business meeting at 9:15, and a public program at 10. This month, Sue Hopkins will speak about heritage roses.	9:15-11:30am	Microsoft Big Band Sunday, March 22 Dance to the Microsoft Big Band, Microsoft employees with an avid interest in music of all genres presenting big band literature from Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton and more.	2-4pm	SCC CBCE Travels to Nepal Tuesday, March 31 Join award-winning photographer Robert Stahl as he travels to the snow-capped Himalayas. He'll provide photo tips as he celebrates the fascinating people and culture of this timeless land.	7-8pm
Canyon Creek Chorus Thursday, March 12 The 80-member Canyon Creek Chorus, based in the Northshore School District and directed by Patricia Bourne, performs music from many styles, cultures, and languages.	11am - Noon				

For event details and updated information
visit www.thirdplacecommons.org and click on "calendar."

ONGOING EVENTS SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF THIRD PLACE COMMONS

T'ai Chi Saturdays Practitioners of all ages and abilities are welcome on a weekly or drop-in basis.	8:45-9:45am	League of Women Voters Third Wednesday Study, discuss and act on governmental issues.	10am-noon	Herescape Game Day Third Saturday Already play? Just learning? Come to Herescape game day!	1-10pm
Discussion Group First and Third Sundays Join in spirited conversation on a variety of subjects.	5-7pm	Edward Jones Investments Third Wednesdays	6:30-8pm	Living with Disabilities Fourth Thursday The Alliance of People with Disabilities invites anyone who shares their concerns to this meeting. For info contact the Alliance at 206-545-7055.	2-3:30pm
Mah Jongg Mondays The Shoreline-LFP Senior Center welcomes players of all skills to a day of Mah Jongg.	9am-4:30pm	Writers' Workshop w/ Frances Dayee Thursdays Writers get feedback and positive critique in this Friends of LFP library free workshop, led by author Frances Dayee.	10am-noon	Third Place Gamers Every Sunday Join us in the Commons to play a variety of board, card and party games. For information: http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/thirdplacespielers/	1-8pm
French Conversation Tuesdays Practice your French with Madame Genevieve Bodner.	5:30-7pm	Spanish Conversation Thursdays Join advanced-to-beginning Spanish speakers for casual conversation.	5:30-7:30pm		
LFP Library "Pizza and Books" First Tuesday Young teen readers are invited to share pizza and books in this Friends of LFP Library gathering.	4-5pm	Magie: The Gathering Fridays Players of all levels meet in the downstairs lobby of the Towne Centre to play this trading card game.	6-10pm		
Teen Writing Group Third Tuesday Teen writers share their work at this meeting, open to all and sponsored by Friends of LFP Library.	4-5pm	Seattle Pen Club Third Saturday Fountain pen fans welcome all who share their hobby.	11am-1pm		

To Reserve the Friends of Third Place Commons Meeting Room or for information on Friends events call or email
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Friends of Third Place Commons is the non-profit organization that coordinates all community events in the Commons, Friends Meeting Room, and the LFP Farmers Market.

NEW AND NOTABLE

FICTION



My Abandonment by Peter Rock (Houghton Mifflin)

Inspired by a true story, this riveting novel is about a 13-year-old girl and her father who live in an enormous nature preserve in Portland, Oregon where they inhabit an elaborate cave shelter, bathe in a nearby creek, store perishables at the water's edge, use a makeshift septic system, tend a garden and once a week go to the city to buy groceries. But one small mistake allows a backcountry jogger to discover them, derailing their entire existence, and ultimately provoking a deeper flight.



The Missing by Tim Gautreaux (Knopf)

The author of *The Clearing* returns with the story of a man fighting to redeem himself, of parents coping with horrific loss, and of others for whom kidnapping is only a job, in this novel that brings to vivid life the exotic world of steamboats and shifting currents and rough crowds.



Believers by Zoe Heller (Harper)

From the author of *Notes on a Scandal*: When radical New York lawyer Joel Litvinoff is felled by a stroke, his wife, Audrey, uncovers a secret that forces her to reexamine everything she thought she knew about their 40-year marriage. Joel's children will soon have to come to terms with this discovery themselves, but for the meantime, they are struggling with their own dilemmas and doubts.



The Kindly Ones by Jonathan Littell (Harper)

Written in French by an American, this book won two of France's major literary awards. A couple years later the translation of this 992-page epic is finally finished and US audiences have a chance to read this shocking fictional memoir of a former Nazi officer who survived the war.



The Manual of Detection by Jedediah Berry (Penguin)

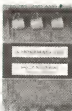
With the feel of Raymond Chandler being channeled through Jorge Luis Borges, this debut novel is a tightly plotted story of an unlikely detective, armed only with an umbrella and a singular handbook, who must untangle a string of crimes committed in and through people's dreams.



Good Knits Book Club Monday, March 9 at 7 pm

Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear (Penguin)

Finish a Hat for the Homeless and drop your name into the "Hat" to be included in the drawing! Patti will have three times this year for books, fiber fun surprises, and more! Join us to knit and chat - newcomers are welcome. **NEXT MONTH - Monday, April 13 - Stop Ball Change by Jeanne Ray.**



Homemade Life by Molly Wizenberg (Simon and Schuster)

Seattle author Molly Wizenberg's blog *Orangette* started out merely as a pleasant pastime, but her writing and recipes soon developed an international following. This is a memoir with a practical purpose and a cookbook with a life beyond the kitchen, with 50 recipes full of fresh flavors, plus the author's lessons from the kitchen that show who people are, who they love, and who they want to be.



Cheever by Blake Bailey (Knopf)

From the acclaimed author of *A Tragic Honesty: The Life and Work of Richard Yates* comes the unforgettable life of John Cheever (1912-1982), a man who spent much of his career impersonating a perfect suburban gentleman, the better to become one of the foremost chroniclers of postwar America.



The Good Book by David Plotz (Harper)

Like many Jews and Christians, David Plotz long assumed he knew what was in the Bible, but when he actually reads the book on which his religion, his culture, and his world are based he grapples with the most profound theological questions. *Good Book* is an irreverent, entertaining journey through the world's most important work of literature.



As They See 'Em by Bruce Weber (Scribner)

Bruce Weber got an insider's look at the largely unknown world of professional umpires when he not only interviewed dozens of umpires but entered their world, training, and then working games from Little League to big league spring training.



The Second Book of the Tao by Stephen Mitchell (Penguin)

The most widely translated book in world literature after the Bible, Lao-tzu's *Tao Te Ching*, or *Book of the Way*, is the classic manual on the art of living. Following the phenomenal success of his own version of the *Tao Te Ching*, renowned scholar and translator Stephen Mitchell has composed the innovative *The Second Book of the Tao*.

CHILDREN'S



Happy Birthday to You! Dr. Seuss (Random House)

Wow! It's a bright and shiny re-issue of the 1959 classic by Dr. Seuss himself! Be sure to get this party edition for your collection. (And come to the Third Place Party March 7.)



CAT by Matthew Van Fleet; photos by Brian Stanton (Simon and Schuster)

You won't find the Cat in the Hat in here, but every other imaginable house feline shows up in this sturdy prowl through the land of kitties. Growups will NOT tire of reading this one to the delighted toddlers who will certainly request it.



SCAT by Carl Hiaasen (Knopf)

Yes, rhymes with cat. But different. And it leads the typically Hiaasen teen protagonists to the Florida panther, center of the plot of his third mystery for young readers.



The Fetch by Laura Whitcomb (Houghton Mifflin)

This paranormal romance set in the Russian Revolution will satisfy post-*Twilight* readers, who will embrace Calder, a "Fetch" or Death Escort, sent from Heaven.



It's a SEUSSABRATION! Saturday, March 7 10am to Noon

Dr. Seuss was born 105 years ago on March 3. Help us celebrate with stories, crafts, and a visit from a SPECIAL CAT.



Bring your cameras to the Third Place Commons for fun, photos, and surprises.

Come early for Burney's Special Green Eggs and Ham, Served 9-11am



Third Thursday of Each Month!

STAFF PICKS



The Reivers

by William Faulkner (Vintage)

This, Faulkner's final & Pulitzer-winning novel, may be his most humorous & accessible. This book reads like the ideal bridge between *Twain* & a more recent Southern writer like Wendell Berry, though Faulkner's particular "earthiness" (very much present here) provides an unpredictable edge. If a Faulkner novel exists that is more simply, purely enjoyable, I'd like to know about it!

- Adam W.



Disquiet by Julia Leigh (Penguin)

Rarely is a title more apt than this one. A distinctly tenebrous family reunion is taking place with a woman & her children escaping a brutish husband, a brother, his wife & their stillborn daughter, the dignified matriarch losing her grip on her family & the household staff witnessing this tragedy unfold. Disquieting indeed.

- Autumn

THIRD PLACE BOOK CLUB



I'll Fly Away

Ed. Wally Lamb (HarperCollins) Monday, March 30 at 7pm

The author of the epic novels *She's Come Undone*, *I Know This Much Is True*, and his latest, *The Hour* I First Believed, takes years to release a book. But he's busy. While working on his third novel, Lamb taught inmates at Connecticut's York Correctional Institution for Women, and edited two collections of their stories. He continues this nine-year commitment, and says of the authors in these collections,

"I've never been involved with writers who have been so enthusiastic and involved in creating and revising their work. Most of the women I work with have not only done some terrible things but have had terrible things done to them. They were burdened with shame, guilt and secrets. As the secrets got told in the writings that were shared with the group, the women began to change; their writing really transformed them."

I'll Fly Away is the second collection; the first was *Couldn't Keep It to Myself: Testimonies from Our Imprisoned Sisters*. Join us to share your reactions to this work.

UPCOMING - TUESDAY, April 28 we'll discuss Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*; TUESDAY, May 26 we'll review Nancy Rawles' *My Jim*.

I'll Fly Away is discounted 20% February 23 - March 30.